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Selectmen's Report.

We present herewith to the citizens and taxpayers of Rutland a report of our doings for the past year:

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Petitions have been presented to the selectmen asking for the laying out and opening of the following streets: In the village of Rutland, from Main street west to Lincoln avenue; from Vermont street south to intersect above proposed street. In West Rutland two streets between Marble and Barnes streets. These four streets will be laid by the present board. No land damages asked. Additional highways in West Rutland will be required during the coming year. Three petitions for new roads in that section are now before the selectmen on which definite action has not been taken.

Petition has recently been made to the selectmen to resurvey and build Temple street from a point on Main street nearly opposite the house of P. R. Kendall easterly to Woodstock avenue. There are several houses already on the line of this street and others in process of construction. It should be opened and worked either on the old survey or on a new one as early as the season will permit.

Petition for street from Center street opposite High School building to Court square, after hearing and investigation, dismissed.

There is also a petition before the selectmen to discontinue East street extension as laid last year, but not worked, and relay said street some four rods further east.

Park avenue has been opened and worked through to Baxter street at a cost of \$60.

The wooden bridge over Tanyard brook on Grove street became unsafe and has been replaced by a new iron bridge and the abutments rebuilt; roadway twenty feet wide with two sidewalks of five feet each. The bridge was built by Mr.

M. A. Nash of Fort Edward, N. Y., the same party who built the State street bridge. Cost \$344. As others of the wooden bridges on the main streets and highways become worn out, a wise economy will replace them with iron structures.

The abutments to the bridge over Moon brook on Granger street, as originally built, were insufficient and were washed out last spring. New and substantial abutments have been built, the span lengthened, new bridge built and the road each way graded and improved.

Baxter street extension has been opened and built to Oak street and Oak street has been built from Baxter street to Grove street. The building of these roads, including the bridge and fill, was let for \$850, and paid for by ex-Gov. Proctor. That amount to be paid to him by the town when the selectmen decide the public good requires these streets.

State street has been opened and completed. As this was likely to be one of the main thoroughfares of the town, the selectmen decided to build a good and substantial road. The work was done under the supervision of Selectman Everts, with Mr. George Crawford as foreman. The ground at the west end proved to be the hardest of hardpan, filled with large boulders. The excavating and grading involved a large amount of labor, but such of the soil as could be used was the best kind of road material. There is now a good and convenient outlet from the village west, free from railroad crossings. The whole cost of State street for the past two years has been:

Expense of commissioners.....	\$20 96
Land damage.....	1,750 00
Abutments.....	3,390 87
Fill at west abutment.....	50 00
Fill at east abutment.....	1,702 51
Building road....	2,217 52
Iron bridge....	2,000 00
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	\$11,131 86

For which orders have been drawn. There is, in addition, an award of \$200 to Mr. E. Pierpoint for land damage, which he declines to accept, claiming the amount is insufficient.

The new roads at Sutherland Falls in process of construction at date of last report have been completed to the satisfaction of the selectmen, including new bridge over the railroad; and the balance, \$500, of the contract price paid to the Vermont Marble Company.

The petition for road from West street north through the house lot of Isabella Brown to one of the new streets on the old Williams homestead is still pending. The amount of land damages asked has been the chief objection to the laying of this road. There are now two houses on the line of this proposed road, and we understand others will be erected early the coming season. It is probable the town will soon have to open and build this road.

By request, an article has been inserted in the warning in regard to bridging the railroad tracks on River street at the south end of the depot yard. Nearly one-third of the inhabitants of the village live west of the railroads. There is no way by which they can reach the post office, depot, high school or business part of the village except by crossing several railroad tracks at grade. The River street crossing is the longest and most dangerous one in town. If this bridge should be built it would furnish at all times a safe and convenient avenue of communication between the two portions of the village. The earth for the fill at the west end of the bridge can probably be obtained in the immediate vicinity without cost.

HIGHWAY TAX.

The highway tax was paid in money last year, the same as in 1881. The tax for 1882 amounted to \$9,718.62. The selectmen have drawn orders for labor and materials for repairs of the highways and bridges outside of the village, amounting to \$7,922.84; the balance, less collection fees and abatements, stands to the credit of the highway fund.

The cost of maintaining the large bridges and for new bridges and abutments has been paid by orders on the general account. After thorough trial, we purchased of Mr. James E Post a Pennock road machine for use of the highway surveyors in repairing roads. We are satisfied that it will save to the town every year more than its cost. Price paid, \$150. The unusual fall of snow the present winter, accompanied by high winds, has caused considerable expense in keeping the roads open in some of the districts.

The improvement commenced last year near the north mills, by paving and raising the road bed near East Creek, has been completed, and from being one of the worst, is now one of the best pieces of road in town.

The hill near Parker Kinsman's has been cut down. The road opposite Mr. S. M. Dorr's and the road north of Mr. J. G. Griggs' have been widened. The south end of Granger street has been widened and graded, and the same as to Park street near Mr. A. F. Davis'. The sand hill in the northeast part of the town, near Mr. Samuel Parker's, has been partially graveled at a cost of eighty-six dollars. The road from Woodstock avenue south by the Stratton place to the junction of the roads north of Mr. L. M. Walker's, which had become practicably impassable, has been put in complete repair. Upwards of eight hundred loads of gravel have been drawn on to the south end of Main street, and generally throughout the town during the past two years, the roads outside of the village have been graveled, graded and improved to an extent heretofore unknown.

We believe it is fairly demonstrated that, in Rutland at least, a money highway tax means good roads. The tax for the coming year, if voted to be paid in money, can be fifteen cents, a reduction of twenty-five per cent from last year.

COUNTY TAX.

A county tax of \$873.39, due June 1, 1882, was paid by order on town treasurer. The county tax due June 1, 1883, is \$563.45, and we recommend it be paid in the same way.

TOWN LIQUOR AGENT.

The sales at the town liquor agency have increased one-third over the previous year. The salary of the agent has been increased from \$350 to \$450. The business of the agency has been conducted to the entire satisfaction of the selectmen.

TOWN HALL.

The town hall has been in charge of Selectman Everts. Since the opening of the opera house there has been but little demand for the town hall, save by the fire companies and for local church and charitable fairs. The firemen have the use of the hall, by vote of the town, for the running expenses. For the others a moderate rent only has been charged, a little more than sufficient to keep the building and furniture in repair, pay insurance, etc. Three of rooms on the second floor have been rented to the Kingsley Guard, with use of the hall for drilling when it is not otherwise occupied, for \$100 per year, beginning April 1, 1882. They also pay for what gas they consume.

DOGS.

Four hundred licenses for dogs were issued in 1882, amounting to \$411; town clerk's fees, \$47.40; paid for damage done by dogs, to E. L. Griswold, \$10, A. B. Reynolds, \$8, H. E. Colburn, \$8; cost of adjusting, \$3; total \$29; net income to town, \$334.60.

In the year 1877, 542 dog licenses were issued. The town has largely increased in population since that time, and there are doubtless a large number of dogs in town for which the owners or keeper's have failed to take out licenses. We recommend to our successors that some measures be taken, by publishing the list of licenses issued or otherwise, to compel a more strict compliance with the law.

INSANE ASYLUM.

At the beginning of the last fiscal year at the insane asylum, August 1, 1881, only one inmate was chargeable to Rutland. Since that date seven have been admitted and

three discharged, leaving five now in the asylum from Rutland. Some of these have no legal settlement here and proceedings have been begun to have them transferred to the state. The town pays \$2.50 each, per week.

REFORM SCHOOL.

There are now six inmates at the reform school from Rutland in place of eight one year ago. The cost to the town is fifty cents for each one per week.

CEMETERIES.

The old cemetery at Center Rutland, which had become a jungle of bushes and briars, has been cleared up and should have further labor expended on it the coming year. The public cemeteries in town should have such attention from the selectmen as not to become a matter of reproach.

NUISANCES.

A nuisance of long standing, consisting of an open sewer ditch on Strong's avenue and adjacent lots south of Moon brook, has been abated by building a covered tile sewer from the north line of Joseph Woolley's lot to Moon brook. The expense was shared by the village, the town and lot owners.

LITIGATION.

The town has had important and expensive litigation during the year, in both the state and United States courts. The town was defendant in the cases tried, and there was no choice except either to defend or settle. As the amounts involved were large, and the selectmen believed the town to be in the right, they declined to settle, and the town agent has defended with entire success. A considerable part of the costs paid will be recovered.

For the first time, in many years at least, no claims against the town for damages in consequence of insufficiency of highways or bridges has been made. If our present good fortune continues, the cases on the law dockets in which the town of Rutland is interested, will soon be reduced to a minimum.

FINANCIAL.

The ten thousand dollars of town bonds which became due last July, were paid out of the proceeds of ten new one-thousand dollar, five-twenty, four per cent bonds, which were sold at a premium of one and one-fourth per cent. Another ten thousand dollars of the town bonds falls due this year. We earnestly recommend that sufficient tax be voted to pay them. It is not expected there will be any state tax on the grand list of 1883. The highway tax will be five cents less than last year. Business of all kinds is prosperous, and the present seems to be as good a time to pay a portion of the town indebtedness as any we are likely to have:

Respectfully,

M. G. EVERTS,	} <i>Selectmen.</i>
J. C. DUNN,	
W. H. WOODWARD,	
S. W. MEAD,	
J. A. CHENEY,	

Rutland, Vt., Feb. 26, 1883.

ORDERS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN.

PRECEDING BOARD, SUBSEQUENT TO LAST REPORT.

No.	1882.	
143	Feb. 27, Lewis, E. C., paints for bridge...	\$12 72
144	28, Nash, M. A., iron bridge, State St.	2,000 00
145	Mch. 4, Edgerton, W. G., work for selectmen	16 00
		<u>\$2,028 72</u>

ORDERS DRAWN BY PRESENT BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

1	Mch. 14, D. & H. C. Co., cars	\$30 00
2	24, C. Vt. R. R., cars	18 50
3	Thrall, Geo. C., lister, 1881	125 00
4	Young, O. D., lister, 1881	96 00
5	Landon, W. C., lister, 1881	250 00
6	Davis, A. F., lister, 1881	250 00
7	Mead, S. W., lister, 1881	135 00
8	Field, Henry F., treasurer, 1881 ..	100 00
9	Hayward, S., taking Mrs. Alice Burney to Brattleboro	23 95
10	Williams, A. H., repair bridge, North Mills	16 00
11	Martell, Louis, bal. painting town hall	150 00
12	30, Hutchinson, J. & A. F., repairs town hall	48 09
13	April 6, Wolcott, W. M., State St., filling.	200 00
14	Bowman, John P., land damage, Garden street extention	400 00
15	Burrage, W. T., clerk dist. 10....	1 05
16	Warner, F. S., clerk dist. 14	6 90
17	Edgerton, W. G., work for selectmen	40 00
18	8, Walcott, W. M., State street, fill..	300 00

19	April 15,	Walcott, W. M., State street, fill..	225 00
20	22,	Walcott, W. M., State street, fill..	225 00
21		Hayward, Samuel, overseer, 1881..	300 00
22	28,	Brown, Isabella, fees, clerk's office.	125 75
23		Walcott, W. M., State St., fill, bal.	752 51
24		People's Gas Light Co., gas, offices 3 months to April 1, 1882.....	7 80
25	May 1,	Fairbank, W. G., supt. reform school, 3 mos. to May 1, 1882...	50 32
26	2,	Granger, C. H., work on check lists and for selectmen	125 00
27		Edgerton, W. G., work for listers.	40 00
28	13,	Hanrahan, J. D., medical services, small-pox case, Patnode family, \$310; sundry bills paid, same case, \$28.97	338 97
29		Thomas, Eugene E., work on new road near Cheney school house..	15 00
30		Hanrahan, J. D., examination in- sane, Burney, Murphy and Allen	5 00
31		Pond, E. A., examination same...	5 00
32		Hayward, Samuel, taking Patrick Murphy and Jane Allen to Brat- tleboro and bringing Orrin Williams back.....	37 10
33	27,	Crawford, Geo., building State St..	200 00
34	June 3,	Crawford, Geo., " " ..	250 00
35		Vt. Marble Co., balance for building new road, Sutherland Falls.....	500 00
36	17,	Crawford, Geo., building State St.	200 00
37	19,	Treas. Rutland county, county tax.	873 39
38		Dana, Edward, work for listers...	93 75
39		Rowell, John S., bridge abutments, Granger St.	215 00
40	21,	Ruane, Edward, work on old cem- etery, Center Rutland	13 00
41		Valiquette, L., jr., work for listers.	45 00

42	June 21,	Woodward, W. H., work for listers.	53 00
43		Cheney, J. A., land damage, road near Cheney school house.....	65 00
44	24,	Granger, C. H., making tax bills..	100 00
45		Tuttle & Co., town reports 124.80, blank books, school books and stationery	188 83
46		Crawford, Geo., building State St.	150 00
47	July 1,	Crawford, Geo., building State St.	200 00
48	10,	Fay, J. J., blank books, town clerk	39 00
49		Herald & Globe, advertising.	116 69
50		Kingsley, L. G., goods, Patnode family, small-pox case.....	43 76
51		Slack, A. D., burial expenses, Pat- node boy, small-pox case.....	31 00
52	15,	Crawford, Geo., building State St.	150 00
53	17,	Burnham & Temple, insurance, town hall.....	75 00
54	29,	Crawford, Geo., building State St.	200 00
55	Aug. 5,	Fairbank, W. G., supt. reform school, 3 mos.....	52 00
56	9,	Randall, J. J. R., supt. schools, '81	208 50
57	12,	Crawford, Geo., building State St.	250 00
58	14,	Francisco, M. J., insurance	124 70
59		People's Gas Light Co., gas, offices, 3 mos., \$9.30; East Creek bridge, 6 mos., \$9.00	18 30
60		Hayward, S., taking Patrick Riley to Brattleboro, and bringing Patrick Murphy back.....	19 60
61		Edgerton, W. G., work for listers..	46 75
62	19,	Crawford, Geo., building State St.	76 57
63	21,	Burnham & Temple, insurance...	37 50
64	30,	Crawford, Geo., abating nuisance near Strong's avenue.....	13 00
65	Sept. 7,	D. & H. C. Co, cars	30 00
66	25,	Nichols, C. E., work for listers...	96 00

67	Sept. 30,	Phelps, J. B., services, \$35.00, expenses, \$42.20, at Cleveland, O., suit <i>Myers vs. Rutland</i>	77 20
68		Everts, M. G., expenses, <i>Mullin vs. Rut.</i> , \$40; <i>Myers vs. Rut.</i> \$30.74; <i>Tower vs. Rut.</i> \$12.44	83 18
69		Mead, S. W., work for listers.....	34 50
70	Oct. 4,	Randall, J. J. R., surveying, from April, 1875, to date.....	310 87
71	7,	Post, J. E., building ex. Park ave.	60 00
72	16,	Everts, M. G., costs, <i>Myers vs. Rut.</i>	38 90
73	18,	Hayward, S., taking Owen Reardon to Brattleboro and bringing Pat. Riley and Pat. Hickey back	40 35
74		People's Gas Light Co., gas, 3 mos., offices, \$4.50; bridge, \$4.50	9 00
75		Beebe, Mrs. Harriet, taxes refunded, list of 1881	42 00
76	24,	Spaulding & Co., school books....	13 16
77		C. Vt. R. R., cars.....	30 30
78	Nov. 2,	Fairbank, W. G., supt. Rfm. school	52 00
79	24,	Fay, J. J., rebinding old grand lists	27 00
80	Dec. 1,	Fish, E. C., jr., costs <i>Mullin v. Rut.</i>	13 34
81	6,	McKerney & Hornidge, building new roads, West Rutland.....	275 00
82	8,	Wolcott, W. M., abutments Grove street bridge.....	51 00
83	15,	Brown, James, surveying, etc... .	26 25
84	18,	Barrett, J., services, <i>Myers v. Rut.</i>	150 00
85	21,	Willis, Geo., preparing voting places, 1881 and 1882	6 50
86	30,	Woodward, W. H., work on new roads, West Rutland... .	32 38
87		Gorham, C. T., bridge material...	10 00
1883.			
88	Jan. 3,	Mead, R. R., taxes, 1882.....	53 47
89	6,	Sawyer, H. A., & Co., goods, listers.	11 21

90 Jan.	3,	Landon, W. C., lister, 1882, \$195, teams, \$45.50	240 50
91		Landon, W. C., supplies for listers, 1881 and 1882.....	7 14
92		Deming, A. A., work for listers...	25 50
93		Griggs, J. G., lister, 1882.....	93 00
94		Davis, A. F., lister, 1882....	100 00
95		Francisco, M. J., ins. Vt. Mutual..	43 71
96		Draper, Dr. J., supt. insane asylum	267 92
97	13,	Sheldon, C. H., clerk fees, dist. 7.	13 20
98		Young, O. D., lister, 1882.....	122 00
99		Premo, Levi, livery... ..	3 00
100		Vt. Mar. Co., marble, new roads..	12 00
101		Farmer, A. H., work, hall and Ripley bridge	11 50
102		Woodward, W. H., services and ex- pense, insane pauper, M. Collins.	5 00
103		Hayward, S., painting poorhouse..	30 00
104		Tuttle & Co., printing, stationery and school books.....	98 69
105		Bowman, E., 35 headstones.....	155 75
106	18,	Nash, M. A., iron bridge, Grove St.	344 00
107		Dunn & Cramton, paint and fence wire, town farm, and sundries ..	78 71
108	20,	Thrall, G. C., clerk fees, dist. 3..	4 80
109	27,	Davis, Edgar, " " 16..	1 35
110		Crippen, B. F., " " 6..	1 65
111 Feb.	3,	Edson, M. & H. O., lumber	50 73
112		Carpenter, H. O., dinners, board civil authority.....	15 50
113		Billings, F., clerk fees, dist. 1....	5 70
114		Chaffee, F., & Son, lumber, pipe..	323 72
115		Thrall, Geo. C., lister, 1882.....	128 50
116		Hayward, Samuel, taking Martin Collins to Brattleboro.....	22 75
117		Fairbank, W. G., supt. Rfm. school, 3 months, to Feb. 1, 1883.....	49 79

118	Feb.	5,	Pelton, Geo. E., printing brief.....	3	00
119		6,	Ryan, Dennis, clerk fees, dist. 11.	5	85
120		10,	Warner, F. S., " " 14.	6	60
121			Eayres, G. N., jailer, jail bill..	29	26
122			Davis & Gould, coal, clerk's office..	14	70
123			Prout & Walker, legal services,		
			Myers and Mullin cases	260	00
124			People's Gas Light Co., gas, 4 mos.,		
			to Feb. 1, 1883; bridge, \$8.70;		
			offices, \$13.50	22	20
125		15,	Granger, C. H., work on grand list		
			and check lists	102	30
126		17,	Leonard, J. E., clerk fees, dist. 21.	5	10
127			Weeks, N., clerk fees, graded dist.	31	65
128			Everts, M. G., legal services.....	486	00
129		19,	Hutchinson, J. & A. F., repairs,		
			clerk's office	2	25
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				\$13,890 91	

ORDER DRAWN BY PRECEDING BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON
THE HIGHWAY FUND FOR LABOR AND MATERIALS ON
HIGHWAYS OUTSIDE OF VILLAGE AND SUBSEQUENT TO
LAST REPORT.

No. 1882.

68 Mch. 1, Sheldon, H. G., Dist. 21..\$46 32

ORDERS DRAWN BY PRESENT BOARD.

1	Apr.	6,	Mead, S. W., Dist. 11.....	\$9	55
2	June	21,	Cramton, A. S., Dist. 1.	8	25
3		22,	O'Rourke, John, Dist. 7.....	300	00
4	July	3,	Noble, J. B., Dist. 2.....	48	15
5		6,	Hale, F. S., dist. 15.....	134	62
6			Woodbury, H. B., Dist. 14.....	149	36
7	Aug.	5,	Moran, John, Clark Hill Dist.....	29	89
8		24,	O'Rourke, John, Dist. 7.	200	00
9		28,	Newton, A. J., Dist. 21.....	369	14

10	Sept.	6,	Griswold, E. L., Dist. 9.....	127 37
11		11,	Dunklee, B. F., Dist. 17.....	32 90
12		30,	Newton, A. J., Dist. 21.....	77 61
13			Young, O. D., Dist. 6.....	14 25
14			Woodbury, H. B., Dist. 14.....	300 00
15	Oct.	2,	Fuller, A. G., Dist. 18... ..	93 00
16		3,	Cramton, A. S., Dist. 1... ..	200 00
17		14,	Dunklee, B. F., Dist. 17.....	50 00
18		18,	Noble, J. B., Dist. 2.....	4 50
19			Dewey, Z., Dist. 11.....	393 79
20		21,	Hale, F. S., Dist. 15.....	205 00
21		26,	Woodbury, H. B., Dist. 14... ..	350 64
22		30,	Thrall, R. C., Dist. 7.....	125 00
23	Nov.	2,	Moran, John, Clark Hill Dist....	25 00
24		4,	Noble, J. B., Dist. 2.....	200 00
25		6,	Dunklee, B. F., Dist. 17.....	356 75
26			Buffum, Caleb, Dist. 2.....	125 00
27		13,	Newton, A. J., Dist. 21.....	200 00
28			Colburn, H. E., Dist. 16.....	96 34
29			Woodbury, H. B., Dist. 14.....	200 00
30		16,	Davis, Edgar, Dist. 4.....	182 93
31		29,	Perkins, Alfred, Dist. 18.....	86 00
32			Kiusman, H. P., Dist. 13.....	102 97
33	Dec.	2,	Davis, Edgar, Dist. 4.....	49 00
34		4,	O'Rourke, John, Dist. 7... ..	280 13
35			Howard, John, Dist. 3, Mendon...	45 00
36		5,	Boardman, Samuel, Central Dist..	33 50
37		12,	Griggs, J. G., Dist. 10.....	267 63
38		14,	Post, J. E., Pennock Road Machine,	150 00
39		20,	Young, O. D., Dist. 6.....	19 75
40		26,	O'Rourke, John, Dist. 7.....	44 38
41		30,	Davis, Edgar, Dist. 17.....	30 00
1883.				
42	Jan.	2,	Hale, F. S., Dist. 15.....	18 44
43			Griswold, E. L., Dist. 9.....	97 66
44		9,	Dunn, C. C., Dist. 12.....	100 00
45			Davis, A. F., Dist. 1	145 23

46	Jan.	9,	Landon, W. C., tools and materials,	5	50
47		13,	Howard, John, Dist. 3, Mendon...	11	00
48			Dunn, C. C., Dist. 12.....	500	00
49		15,	Cramton, A. S., Dist. 1.....	361	83
50		18,	Thrall, Geo. C., Dist. 3.....	238	70
51			Dunn & Cramton, Dists, 15 and 18,	14	66
52		23,	Fuller, A. G., Dist. 18.....	1	50
53	Feb.	3,	Chaffee, F., & Son, plank and drain pipe.....	323	94
54			Edson, M. & H. O., plank.....	54	77
55			Buffum, Caleb, Dist. 2.....	6	85
56			Hayward, Henry, Dist. 1.....	36	71
57			Dunn, C. C., Dist. 12.....	127	33
58		10,	Dimick, B., Dist. 5.....	4	40
59			Howard, John, Dist. 3, Mendon...	49	00
60		13,	Howard, John, " " " ...	7	00
61		19,	Griggs, J. G., Dist. 10,	95	75
62			Dimick, B., Dist. 5.....	5	17
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				\$7,922 84	

OVERSEER'S REPORT.

To the Citizens of Rutland:

The overseer has drawn one hundred and ninety-one orders on the treasurer during the past year for the support of the poor; in amount \$8,182.56. All bills are paid to date. Live stock has been sold from the town farm to the amount of \$655, and the money paid to the town treasurer, leaving the net expenditures of the overseer \$7,527.56. This is \$261.86 less than the expenses of the year before. The amount of \$127.57 will also probably be refunded to the town by friends of parties who were helped to that extent.

The past year has been one of general activity among the industries of Rutland, with fair compensation for labor. The only cases where aid from the town has been required have been in consequence of sickness or to those either too old or too young to support themselves. With our rapidly growing town it is not likely the expenditures on account of the poor will be less in the future than at present.

There were at the poor house one year ago thirty-four inmates. Three were admitted during the year, four have died and seven have been discharged, leaving twenty-six now at the farm. Their names and ages will be found in tables annexed; also names of those outside of the poor house who have been assisted and the amount in each case.

Mr. William Kelly and wife have had charge of the town house and farm as heretofore. Their duties are uninviting and laborious, and I am glad to say have been performed to the satisfaction of all concerned so far as known.

SAMUEL HAYWARD,

Overseer of the Poor.

Rutland, Vt., February 20, 1883.

ORDERS DRAWN ON THE TREASURER BY
SAMUEL HAYWARD, OVERSEER, FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 21, 1883.

No.

1	Davis, Edgar.....	\$116 00
2	Thorton, J. C.....	75 00
3	Olmstead, Chas.....	34 67
4	Brown, Henry.....	45 00
5	Roberts, Moses.....	52 00
6	Wood, W. E.....	10 00
7	Olmstead, Chas.....	11 70
8	Hodges, Mrs. A. D.....	5 00
9	Porter, Clara.....	3 00
10	Love, H. W.....	1 50
11	Stebbins, Peter.....	372 00
12	Cochran, T. H.....	15 00
13	Eayres, Geo. N.....	5 00
14	Olmstead, Chas.....	11 70
15	Harris, C. P. & Co.....	90
16	Doty & Kenney.....	35 26
17	Woodruff, H. C. & Co.....	12 06
18	Stearns & Post.....	14 65
19	Hilliard, Geo. W.....	42 95
20	Hilliard, C. B.....	36 89
21	Fisher, W. H. H.....	8 05
22	Potter, C. W.....	18 00
23	Edson, J. A.....	8 00
24	Potter, C. W.....	8 00
25	Lewis, E. C.....	23 70
26	Palmer, Geo. H.....	16 65
27	Boston Shoe Store.....	19 20
28	Billings, B. & D. C.....	23 75
29	Dunn & Cramton.....	13 45
30	Cunningham, A. O.....	32 80
31	Morgan, D. L.....	13 50
32	Gary & Hoag.....	58 05

33	Gosselin, E....	16 00
34	Cain, P.....	41 00
35	Keyes, E. D. & Co.....	123 69
36	Keyes, E. D. & Co.....	29 89
37	Vaughn, F.....	90 34
38	Tuliper, E.....	24 00
39	Caden, John.....	28 00
40	McManus, Peter.....	48 00
41	Brown, H. H. & Co.....	64 00
42	Wheeler Bros	20 00
43	Parker & Thrall... ..	136 25
44	Woodward, W. H.....	200 50
45	Fish, E. C., jr.....	10 00
46	Shedd, F. W. & Son.....	12 00
47	Chaffee, Geo. T.....	117 25
48	Smith, Grove L.....	70 00
49	Stearns, N. S.....	64 73
50	Pond, E. A.....	5 00
51	Pond, E. A.....	25 00
52	Ormsby, Alonzo.....	10 00
53	McGinnis, E.....	26 00
54	Hanrahan, J. D.....	35 00
55	Campbell, C. H.....	36 00
56	Kelly, Wm. F.....	106 25
57	Tuttle, A. H.....	5 00
58	Powers, Mrs. J. W.....	4 50
59	Woodruff, H. C.....	28 96
60	Cain, Patrick.....	35 00
61	Doty & Kenney.....	35 58
62	Morgan, D. L.....	17 30
63	Gary & Hoag.....	79 16
64	Gosselin, E.....	4 00
65	Allard, W. J.....	10 10
66	Wheeler Bros.....	46 00
67	Walsh, William.....	69 00
68	Brown, H. H. & Co.....	49 00
69	Vermont Marble Co.....	80 00

70	Parker & Thrall.....	120 94
71	Woodward, W. H.....	195 82
72	Vaughn, F.....	66 06
73	Kilburn, J. B.....	6 33
74	McManus, Peter.....	51 00
75	Chaffee, F.....	80 00
76	Curtis, S. P.....	10 33
77	Keyes, E. D. & Co.....	94 19
78	Marshall, B. W.....	4 00
79	Hilliard, Geo. W.....	24 82
80	Burt, B. H.....	16 62
81	Hilliard, C. B.....	21 00
82	Billings, B. & D. C.....	30 00
83	Pollard, B. F.....	51 80
84	Slack, A. D.....	26 50
85	McGinnis, E.....	26 00
86	Olmstead, Chas.....	4 90
87	Lewis, E. C.....	15 35
88	Fisher, W. H. H.....	6 30
89	Tuliper, E.....	11 00
90	Hanrahan, J. D.....	40 00
91	Engrem, John.....	7 00
92	Olmstead, Chas.....	11 70
93	Pond, E. A.	25 00
94	Manley, J. B.....	6 00
95	Ormsby, Alonzo.....	24 00
96	Kelly, W. F.....	101 00
97	Colligan, Pat.....	26 20
98	Manley, J. B.....	6 00
99	Fenn, Francis.....	6 50
100	Wood, W. E.....	4 37
101	Stebins, Peter.....	220 00
102	Tuliper, E.....	5 60
103	Vaughn, F.....	81 00
104	McManus, Peter.....	43 00
105	Grandy, John.....	40 00
106	Palmer, Geo. H.....	22 33

107	Billings, B. & D. C.....	30 00
108	Hilliard, Geo. W.....	19 89
109	Burt, B. H.....	49 59
110	Pollard, B. F.....	36 00
111	Boston Shoe Store.....	15 55
112	Lewis, E. C.....	25 80
113	Hilliard, C. B.....	66 51
114	Cunningham, A. O.....	24 00
115	Morgan, D. L.....	27 15
116	Gary & Hoag.....	56 38
117	Gosselin, E.....	10 00
118	Cain, P.....	43 00
119	Doty & Kenney.....	51 08
120	Keyes, E. D. & Co.....	312 06
121	Caden, John.....	23 00
122	Higgins, A. W.....	7 25
123	Valiquette, L.....	13 25
124	Brown, H. H. & Co.....	50 00
125	Walsh, Thomas.....	45 00
126	Brodeur, C.....	19 83
127	Wheeler Bros.....	23 00
128	Parker & Thrall.....	153 60
129	Woodward, W. H.....	185 37
130	Kelly, Wm. F.....	100 00
131	Edson, J. A.....	20 08
132	Bates, A. C. & Son.....	11 75
133	Pond, E. A.....	25 00
134	Hanrahan, J. D.....	25 00
135	McGinnis, E.....	26 00
136	Stafford, Nathaniel.....	18 00
137	Stebbins, Peter.....	130 00
138	Fish, E. C. jr.....	12 00
138	Hulett & Dawley.....	22 94
139	Campbell, Chas. H.....	32 00
140	Gibson, Isaac.....	82 00
141	Woods, W. E.....	13 00
142	Olmstead, Chas.....	12 60

143	Willis, C. F.....	60 50
144	Richardson, Geo.....	18 00
145	McGinnis, E.....	26 00
146	Pond, E. A.....	25 00
147	McManus, Peter.....	51 00
148	Grancy, John S.....	24 00
149	Dunn & Cramton.....	4 90
150	Curtis, S. P.....	112 20
151	Morgan, Chas. T.....	34 67
152	Gary & Hoag.....	8 89
153	Morgan, D. L.....	31 60
154	Chapman, F. H. & Co.....	2 60
155	Cunningham, A. O.....	26 90
156	Woodruff, H. C. & Co.....	11 86
157	Vaughn, F.....	118 00
158	Edson, J. A.....	13 97
159	Rutland Boot and Shoe Co.....	9 00
160	Eayres, Geo. N.....	4 50
161	Woodward, W. H.....	177 37
162	Keyes, E. D. & Co.....	62 95
163	Davis & Gould.....	31 73
164	Landon, W. C.....	22 30
165	Cain, P.....	39 00
166	Higgins, A. W.....	1 25
167	Hilliard, Geo. W.....	18 45
168	Burt, B. H.....	5 88
169	Hilliard, C. B.....	17 57
170	Slack, A. D.....	46 65
171	Lewis, E. C.....	17 00
172	Palmer, Geo. H.....	22 40
173	Billings, B. & D. C.....	36 90
174	Pollard, B. F.....	30 80
175	Doty & Kenney.....	140 20
176	Kelly, Wm. F.....	102 00
177	Brown, H. H. & Co.....	98 00
178	Vermont Marble Co.....	74 00
179	Brodeur, C.....	12 00

180	Colligan, P.....	9 63
181	Morse, F. A.....	6 72
182	Parker & Thrall.....	154 40
183	Newton M.....	24 68
184	Allard, W. J.....	3 40
185	Cyr, Auguste.....	23 85
186	Fisher, W. H. H.....	15 75
187	Porter, J. E.....	8 00
188	Billings, J. L.....	10 00
189	Hanrahan, J. D.....	37 00
190	Marshall, L. A.....	45 63
191	Warner, F. S.....	7 25
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		\$8,182 56

NAMES AND AGES OF INMATES OF POORHOUSE.

Aldrich, Aaron....	.62	McDonald, Patrick.....	76
Brown, Thomas.....	82	Nary, William.....	77
Crowley, Thomas.....	.77	Nary, Margaret..	77
Conway, Mary.....	72	O'Holleran, John.....	34
Dyer, George.....	79	O'Holleran, Geo.....	79
Frowley, Patrick....	76	Pingen, William.....	31
Hickey, Patrick.....	.27	Robinson, Mary...	29
Hogan, Teddy.....	.54	Robinson, Joseph.....	9
Kelly, James.....	75	Sullivan, John.....	63
Lewis, Abigail.....	80	Tyfair, Peter.....	79
Milan, Thomas.....	84	Tyfair, Nancy..	79
Murphy, Patrick.....	66	Winslow, Myron.....	79
McDonald, Andy.....	54	Welch, Bridget.....	89

DEATHS DURING PAST YEAR.

Dominick Gilligan, Catherine McKeon, Peter Sears,
Bridget Colligan.

NAMES OF PERSONS AND FAMILIES WHO HAVE
RECEIVED AID DURING PAST YEAR OUT-
SIDE OF POOR FARM.

Abar, Samuel	\$27 80
Billedou, Thomas	2 50
Burrows, J. W.	35 00
Burney, Antoine	2 50
Bonneau, John	83 70
Bouley, Mrs. Philip	8 00
Boyle, Ellen	8 75
Barker, Mrs. Susan	99 00
Clark, Orange F.	23 51
Callahan, Mrs. James	134 00
Carroll, Mrs. Patrick	72 00
Corbet, John	98 00
Colligan, Mrs. Honora	51 00
Cooney, Mrs.	49 00
Carpenter, J. C.	30 00
Cagney, William	26 00
Comisky, Catherine	20 00
Connor, Mrs. Eva	33 08
Connell, Mrs. James	7 25
Daughan, Mrs. Martin	79 00
Daley, Mrs. John	48 00
Elmer, Mrs. William	103 50
Eaton, Edward	17 00
Farmer, Clarissa	12 00
Foley Mrs. Mary	40 00
Foster, William	24 93
Foster, Mrs. Aaron	70 50
Farrell, Luke	87 80
Gates, Nancy	92 00
Glancy, Patrick	122 00
Gennette, Mrs. Delia	16 00
Goslaw, Francis	20 00
Gill, Martin	37 00
Gould, Frederick	11 00

Haley, Michael.....	6 00
Hinckley, William.....	2 82
Howe, Esther	42 85
Hance, Michael.....	123 00
Haley, Patrick.....	60 00
Hannan, Mary.....	49 00
Harrison, Mrs. Chris.....	5 00
Hacket, Peter.....	85 00
Jackson, Hiram.....	3 00
Kelly, Mrs. Catherine.....	93 00
Leonard, George.....	21 00
Larock, Mrs. Lucy	27 00
Liston, Mrs. Ann.....	5 00
Lethbridge, John W.....	17 00
Murphy, Michael.....	10 00
Maroney, Mrs. James.....	121 00
Manville, Mrs. Antoine	40 00
Miller, John.....	20 00
McDeed, Mrs. Margaret.....	78 00
McCarty, Mrs. Catherine.....	49 00
McCue, Mrs. Mary.....	94 00
McMann, Mrs. Jane.....	59 00
McClellan, Mrs. Julia.....	7 00
O'Neal, Margaret.....	29 00
Powers, Mrs. Ellen.....	121 00
Pistol, Francis.....	20 10
Plant, Napoleon.....	99 00
Perkins, Hiram.....	7 50
Ryan, Mrs. Mary.....	69 00
Rix, Kate.....	125 65
Reed, Mrs. John.....	99 00
Ready Children.....	104 00
Reading, Mrs. Margaret.....	49 00
Smith, Ransom.....	123 00
Soverin, W. H.....	2 50
Shields, Edward.....	90 23
Stewart, W. H.....	8 00

Stratton, Mrs. Jane.....	20 50
Stafford, Nathaniel.....	91 00
Shortsleeve, Joseph.....	20 50
Shepard, Zeb.....	73 00
Sheldon, Aunty.....	79 00
Shangraw, Mrs. Lucy.....	99 00
St. Peters, Adolphus.....	97 00
Tierney, Mrs. Bridget.....	88 00
Teelon, Thomas.....	25 00
Taylor, Charity.....	126 00
Taylor, James.....	46 00
Teelon, Mary.....	29 00
Visnor, Edmund.....	37 85
Wheeler, George H.....	65 00
Welch, William.....	78 50
Williams, Cato.....	17 50
Wise, George.....	105 00
Winters, Mrs. John.....	17 53

\$4,671 85

INVENTORY OF STOCK, FARMING TOOLS,
FURNITURE, PROVISIONS, ETC., ON TOWN
FARM, FEBRUARY 6th, 1883.

8 cows, \$35 each.....	\$280 00
11 two-year-olds, \$18 each.....	198 00
23 tons hay.....	368 00
1 ton straw.....	8 00
60 bushels oats.....	30 00
6 shoats.....	72 00
75 bushels ears corn.....	30 00
4 bushels seed corn.....	3 00
150 cords stove wood.....	300 00
7 cords four foot wood.....	28 00
150 bushels potatoes.....	90 00
7 barrels apples.....	14 00
250 head cabbage.....	12 00

22 barrels vinegar.....	110 00
6 barrels pork.....	120 00
4 barrels beef.....	56 00
20 pounds of codfish.....	1 40
50 pounds butter.....	15 00
12 hand rakes.....	2 00
1 drag rake.....	50
10 hoes.....	2 50
9 shovels.....	3 50
1 iron bar.....	1 50
7 chains.....	5 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ barrel beans.....	4 50
2 double wagons ...	100 00
3 manure forks	2 50
1 mowing machine.....	20 00
4 hay forks.....	2 00
1 ox cart.....	40 00
1 ox yoke ...	3 00
1 sleigh	8 00
1 express wagon.....	35 00
1 straw cutter.....	5 00
100 pounds meal.....	1 50
50 pounds feed.....	75
1 corn sheller.....	6 00
1 fanning mill.....	25 00
1 set work harnesses	35 00
1 single harness.....	15 00
1 horse rake.....	25 00
1 two-horse traverse sled.....	25 00
1 harrow.....	5 00
3 plows.....	15 00
1 shovel plow.....	3 00
1 cultivator.....	3 00
1 stone boat... ..	3 00
1 ox sled.....	12 00
1 chest carpenter's tools.....	15 00
1 caldron kettle.....	8 00

1 grindstone.....	5 00
6 corn cutters.....	3 00
24 meal bags.....	3 00
2 barrels soap.....	7 00
100 pounds ham.....	12 00
$\frac{1}{4}$ barrel pickles.....	2 00
7 pork barrels.....	5 25
14 empty casks.....	28 00
2 bushels salt.....	1 00
1 oil safe.....	12 00
$5\frac{1}{2}$ barrels flour.....	38 00
2 robes.....	20 00
$\frac{1}{4}$ barrel crackers.....	1 00
1 set scales.....	8 00
50 pounds sugar.....	5 00
1 butter worker.....	3 00
1 churn.....	4 00
1 potato hook.....	1 00
1 pick ax.....	1 00
6 big chairs.....	6 00
1 set eveners and whiffletrees.....	2 00
4 bushel baskets.....	2 00
2 sprinklers.....	2 00
5 wash tubs.....	5 00
2 pounding barrels.....	1 00
4 wash boards.....	1 00
2 tin boilers.....	4 00
1 clothes wringer.....	4 50
4 scythes.....	4 00
4 grain measures.....	1 00
4 axes.....	4 00
4 wood saws.....	3 25
6 wedges and two beetles.....	1 50
2 cross-cut saws.....	5 00
50 pounds soap grease.....	2 00
2 sets clothes bars.....	3 00
60 pounds dried beef.....	8 00

1 step ladder.....	2 00
2 cook stoves and fixtures.....	50 00
8 box stoves and pipe.....	48 00
40 milk pans.....	10 00
12 bread pans.....	3 00
1 cream pail... ..	1 00
5 tin pails.....	2 50
6 wooden pails.....	1 00
2 dripping pans.. ..	1 00.
Crockery, spoons, knives and forks.....	20 00
5 table cloths.....	5 00
12 towels.....	3 00
Window curtains.....	3 50
2 dining tables.....	10 00
5 small tables.....	5 00
9 light stands.....	4 50
5 mirrors.....	2 50
50 chairs.....	10 00
30 bedsteads.....	30 00
60 comforters.	50 00
21 blankets.....	15 00
8 excelsior beds.....	16 00
13 feather beds.....	65 00
30 straw beds.....	15 00
26 feather pillows.....	13 00
72 cotton sheets.....	18 00
26 pillow cases.....	4 50
25 chamber pots.....	5 00
2 night chairs.....	2 00
3 stools.....	1 50
6 lamps.....	5 00
15 candle sticks.....	1 50
25 pounds candles.....	4 00
2 lanterns.....	1 50
1 brass kettle.....	3 00
Stone ware.....	4 00
2 clothes baskets.....	1 50

1 chest.....	1 50
2 benches.....	2 00
1 bureau.....	5 00
1 clothes chest.....	1 50
1 hanging lamp.....	2 00
2 cradles.....	1 00
3 clocks.....	7 50
26 hens.....	13 00
42 pounds of tobacco.....	16 00
1 sledge hammer.....	1 00
1 sewing machine.....	20 00
1 refrigerator.....	6 00
12 pounds coffee.....	3 00
30 pounds tea.....	9 00
3 ladders.....	5 00

TOWN AGENT'S REPORT.

There were, at the March term of the Rutland county court, pending and entered at that term, sixteen cases, Sheldon *vs.* Rutland, Garrett et al. *vs.* Rutland, Crawford *vs.* Rutland, Dennis F. Mullin *vs.* same, same *vs.* same, same and wife *vs.* same, A. L. Roberts *vs.* same, Lee Tracy *vs.* same, State *vs.* John Ferry, E. M. Tower *vs.* Rutland, State *vs.* C. Bowen, State *vs.* Cushman, State *vs.* Horace Whitcomb, State *vs.* Rutland, State *vs.* Patrick O'Hearn, State *vs.* Wm. J. Raines, four of which were disposed of, viz.: Two petitions for highways—Crawford *vs.* Rutland, and Garrett *vs.* Rutland—and two appeals from justices—State *vs.* Whitcomb, and State *vs.* Bowen—in which, from the evidence at the time available, no convictions could be had and *nolle prosequi* entered.

At the September term there were no new entries on the law docket, but one entry in chancery—to settle the trusteeship in the case of H. L. Gleason as trustee of J. D. Hulett, in which the town is interested in the property of minor children, supported in part by the town—which will be disposed of at the March term, 1883.

In the case D. F. Mullin *vs.* Rutland for injury, expenses and loss of services of his wife—one of the West Rutland dry bridge cases—after a third long and laborious trial for the same accident, the jury returned a verdict for the defendant. Exceptions were taken by the plaintiff to the supreme court, January term, 1883, where the judgment was affirmed. This it is believed is a bar to any action in two other cases pending for the same cause wherein the same party is plaintiff. In case State *vs.* Rutland, an indictment for obstruction to road, was *nolle prossed* by state's attorney. State *vs.* Cushman also *nolle prossed*.

The other cases were ready for trial on the part of the town, including the case of Mrs. Tower for highway damages, but not tried for want of time.

At the May term of the circuit court, held at Windsor, J. J. Myers brought a suit against the town for taxes collected on a grand list of \$3,002, which case was tried at the October term of the same court at Rutland and a verdict and judgment was rendered for the town. The cases tried were important in principle and amount, and no reasonable labor and expense has been spared in their preparation and trial, which the results fully justify.

M. G. EVERTS, Town Agent.

Rutland, Feb. 21, 1883.

TOWN LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

For year ending February 1, 1883.

CASH ACCOUNT.

	DR.	
To cash in agent's hands Feb. 1, 1882,	\$51 63	
cash liquors sold in one year ..	3,714 23	
cash for empty casks sold	25 70	
	<u> </u>	\$3,791 56
CR.		
By cash paid for purchases	\$2,922 84	
cash paid for freights	35 86	
cash paid for insurance	12 50	
cash paid town treasurer	370 36	
cash paid agent's salary one year..	450 00	
	<u> </u>	\$3,791 56

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

By inventory of liquor on hand	\$627 20	
cash paid town treasurer	370 36	
	<u> </u>	\$996 56
DR.		
To cash in agent's hands Feb. 1, 1882,	\$51 63	
liquors on hand Feb. 1, 1882	435 88	
	<u> </u>	\$487 51
Balance credited to profit account... ..		\$509 05

No confiscated liquor has been accepted the past year ; confiscated casks, jugs, bottles, etc., have been sold to the amount of \$37.50, which has been passed over to the town treasurer; which added to the above will make \$546.55 net gain to the town.

E. C. LEWIS,

Town Liquor Agent.

Rutland, Vt., February 1, 1883.

TOWN HALL, YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1883.

Receipts.....	\$442 55
Expenses.....	340 35
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Paid town treasurer	\$102 20

There is due from the Parnell association, \$15.00,

From the militia company, March 31, 1883, rent of
rooms for year, \$100, for gas (estimated), \$30, \$130.

M. G. EVERTS, Superintendent.

Rutland, Vt., Feb. 26, 1883.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance forward from last report.....	\$4,966 02
Cash of R. R. Mead, collector, balance town tax 1880.....	850 21
R. R. Mead, collector, on town tax '81,	2,422 08
“ “ “ '82,	12,855 42
State Treasurer for savings bank tax..	2,576 71
Amherst (Mass.) Savings Bank for four per cent refunding bonds.....	10,125 00
M. G. Everts, paid by village for paint- ing village hall.....	35 00
J. E. Fisk on note.....	80 00
Samuel Hayward, overseer, for stock sales, town farm	655 00
E. C. Lewis, agent, account liquor sales	370 36
“ “ confiscated casks ..	37 50
John Connors for proportion of costs abating nuisance.....	18 52
W. H. Smith for proportion of costs abating nuisance.....	38 19
N. S. Stearns for fine and cost P. Sheridan) and interest.....	10 00
L. Valiquette, jr., justice of the peace, for fines and costs paid in court....	19 15
A. J. Mead, justice of the peace, fines and costs paid in court.....	303 14
A. J. Mead, justice of the peace, fine and costs Charles Mumford.....	13 15
N. Weeks, justice of the peace, fines and costs paid in court ...	44 69
Wayne Bailey, justice of the peace, fines and costs paid in court	128 55
Unexpended balance from dog license fund....	334 60
	<u>\$35,883 29</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to school fund, interest U. S. surplus fund,	\$1,399	36
17 selectmen's orders, old indebtedness....	408	72
interest on same	35	25.
83 selectmen's orders, current year.....	8,085	83
interest on same	80	81
overseer's orders, old indebtedness.....	550	07
interest on same	122	38
125 overseer's orders, current year.....	4,525	46
interest on same ..	7	29
4 bonds due in 1880.....	2,000	00
10 " 1882.....	1,000	00
18 " "	9,000	00
coupons on bonds, current and past due...	2,246	50
Greenfield savings bank, 12 months' interest on \$40,000 registered 4½ per ct. bonds,	1,800	00
Amherst savings bank, 6 months' interest, 4 per cent bonds.....	200	00
M. G. Everts, trustee, 1 year's interest on selectmen's order No. 97 for \$1,000...	60	00
*A. J. Mead for fine and costs, Chas. Mumford, paid to treasurer in error.....	13	15
4 orders for court expenses, Wayne Bailey, justice of the peace....	2	18
31 orders for court expenses, L. Valiquette, jr., justice of the peace.....	49	36
25 orders for court expenses, N. Weeks, justice of the peace.....	46	61
218 orders for court expenses, A. J. Mead, justice of the peace.....	275	02
Balance in treasurer's hands	3,975	30
	<u>\$35,883</u>	<u>29</u>

HENRY F. FIELD, Town Treasurer.

Rutland, Vt., February 24, 1883.

*Case appealed to county court.

STATEMENT OF TAXES.

Due on tax of 1880, as per last report, \$1,009 07		
Abatements, board of civil authority,		\$165 48
Collection fees charged back.....	6 62	
Cash from R. R. Mead, collector...		850 21
	<u>\$1,015 69</u>	<u>\$1,015 69</u>

Due on tax of 1881, as per last report, \$4,942 02		
Abatements, board of civil authority,		\$32 32
Collection fees charged back... ..	1 29	
One per cent extra allowed by order of selectmen for collection of state tax of 1881.....		153 22
Cash from R. R. Mead, collector....		2,422 08
Balance due town.....		2,335 69
	<u>\$4,943 31</u>	<u>\$4,943 31</u>

Amount of tax bill of 1882	\$23,503 06	
Abatements, board of civil authority		\$239 13
Cash from R. R. Mead, collector...		12,855 42
Collection fees at 4 per cent... ..		930 55
Balance due town... ..		9,477 96
	<u>\$23,503 06</u>	<u>\$23,503 06</u>

February 24, 1883.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT OF HIGHWAY FUND.

	Dr.	Cr.
To balance from last report.....	\$858 45	
cash from R. R. Mead, collector,		
on tax of 1881	667 71	
cash from R. R. Mead, collector,		
on tax of 1882.....	5,509 82	
By paid 22 orders drawn last year...		\$2,288 03
duplicate for No. 64 to F.		
Chaffee & Son.....		200 00
38 orders, current year.....		4,352 65
interest on orders.....		24 38
Balance in treasurer's hands		170 92
	<u>\$7,035 98</u>	<u>\$7,035 98</u>

STATEMENT OF HIGHWAY TAXES.

Due on tax of 1880 as per last report, \$2,673 00		
Abatements, board of civil authority		\$15 39
Collection fees charged back.	62	
Cash from R. R. Mead, collector....		667 71
Balance due town.....		1,990 52
	<u>\$2,673 62</u>	<u>\$2,673 62</u>

Amount of tax bill of 1882.	\$9,718 62	
Abatements, board of civil authority		\$136 65
Cash from R. R. Mead, collector....		5,509 82
Collection fees at 4 per cent.....		383 28
Balance due town.....		3,688 87
	<u>\$9,718 62</u>	<u>\$9,718 62</u>

Rutland, Vt., February 24, 1883.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, DOG LICENSE FUND.

	DR.	CR.
To balance forward from last report,	\$8 00	
cash from town clerk for licenses issued in 1882.....	363 60	
By paid 3 orders drawn in 1880.....		\$8 00
6 orders, current year, for damages and expenses...		29 00
Amount unexpended, carried to gen- eral account.....		334 60
	<u>\$371 60</u>	<u>\$371 60</u>

Rutland, Vt., February 24, 1883.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT OF SCHOOL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last report	\$3,113 91
Cash from general account, interest on U. S. surplus fund	1,399 36
R. R. Mead, collector, balance school tax of 1880	133 22
R. R. Mead, collector, on account of school tax of 1881	1,994 71
R. R. Mead, collector, on account of school tax of 1882	1,586 64
Estate of H. L. Cheney for rent of school lot 1881	5 00
B. P. Baker for rent of Griggs school lot 1882	10 00
John Hanley, 3d, for rent of school lot 1882	10 00
H. E. Green for rent of school lot '82	5 00
	<u>\$8,257 84</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid order to Dist. No. 1	\$303 52
2	153 81
3	230 24
4	133 82
5	132 85
6	152 74
7	1,130 58
8	161 11
9	145 23
10 ..	190 70
11	343 67
12	129 91
13	135 45
14	389 15

Paid order to Dist. No.15	149 04
16	145 89
21	461 60
3, Mendon.....	42 89
5, Clarendon.....	7 84
8, Pittsford.	37 42
Central district.. . . .	207 13
Graded district.....	2,748 99
Paid interest on orders.....	152 64
Balance in treasurer's hands.....	571 62
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	<u>\$8,257 84</u>

There is due the school fund :

Balance on tax of 1881.	\$881 37
“ “ 1882.....	4,685 08
Interest on U. S. surplus fund.....	1,467 72
From H. L. Cheney's estate for rent, 1882.....	5 00
Patrick Keenan for rent, 1881-2.....	50 00
L. F. Goodrich for balance on note	8 16
“ for rent, 1880-2	36 00
L. Sheldon's estate for rent, 1878-80....	30 00
“ for interest on back payments.....	8 40
A. B. Reynolds for rent, 1881-2..	80 00
S. W. Mead “ 1877-82... ..	240 00
H. G. Sheldon “ 1882.... ..	10 00
B. P. Baker “ Griggs lot, due November, 1883.....	10 00

HENRY F. FIELD, Town Treasurer.

Rutland, Vt., February 24, 1883.

STATEMENT OF SCHOOL TAXES.

Due on tax of 1880 as per last report,	\$149 11	
Abatements, board of civil authority		\$16 55
Collection fees charged back.....	66	
Cash received of collector to balance,		133 22
	<u>\$149 77</u>	<u>\$149 77</u>

Due on tax of 1881 as per last report,	\$2,881 26	
Abatements, board of civil authority		\$5 39
Collection fees charged back.....	21	
Cash paid treasurer.....		1,994 71
Balance due.....		881 37
	<u>\$2,881 47</u>	<u>2,881 47</u>

Amount of tax bill of 1882... ..	\$6,580 86	
Abatements, board of civil authority		\$47 82
Cash received of collector.....		1,586 64
Collection fees at 4 per cent.....		261 32
Balance due from collector.....		4,685 08
	<u>\$6,580 86</u>	<u>\$6,580 86</u>

AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the Taxpayers of the Town of Rutland :

The undersigned, auditors for the current year ending February 24, 1883, most respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of your selectmen, overseer of the poor and treasurer, and find the proper vouchers for all disbursements. We have canceled all orders and coupons paid by the treasurer, also four bonds of \$500 each, due in 1880, ten bonds of \$100 each and eighteen bonds of \$500 each, due in 1882. We have also canceled the vouchers for orders drawn by the selectmen and overseer of the poor.

The following is a statement of the financial condition of the town :

LIABILITIES.

10 bonds of \$1,000 each, 7 per cent, due 1883,	\$10,000 00
3 bonds of \$500 each, 6 per cent, due 1884...	1,500 00
10 bonds of \$1,000 each, 6 per cent, due 1884,	10,000 00
8 bonds of \$5,000 each, Reg. 5-20, 4½ per cent, due 1901	40,000 00
10 bonds of \$1,000 each, Reg. 5-20, 4 per cent, due 1902	10,000 00
United States surplus fund borrowed	24,462 07
Six per cent interest on the same	1,467 72
Coupons past due unpaid	50 00
Coupons falling due in 1883	3,240 00
Overseer of the poor, orders unpaid	7,530 44
Selectmen's orders unpaid	17,628 67
Interest on outstanding orders, estimated '... .	1,000 00
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	\$126,878 90

RESOURCES.

*Due from R. R. Mead, collector, tax bill, 1881,	\$2,335 69
*Due from R. R. Mead, collector, tax bill, 1882,	9,477 96
Notes received on sale of town farm, L. Shel-	
don, and interest.....	2,750 00
Notes, John E. Fisk and C. G. Lester.....	156 90
Notes, A. A. Mills and others..	156 00
Balance in treasurer's hands.....	3,975 30
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	\$18,851 85
Liabilities... ..	126,878 90
Resources.....	18,851 85
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	\$108,027 05

HIGHWAY FUND.

Due from R. R. Mead, collector, tax bill, 1881,	\$1,990 52
Due from R. R. Mead, collector, tax bill, 1882,	3,688 87
Balance of cash in hands of treasurer ..	170 92
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	\$5,850 31
Selectmen's orders outstanding and unpaid,	
highway fund.....	\$4,341 51
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Balance on hand for present year.....	\$1,508 80

Notwithstanding the amount reported "due from the collector" does not very largely exceed the average due from him for six years past, at the time of making up the annual report, yet, it will be admitted, we think, that the amount is always larger than it should be. In view of making said resource less, thereby giving the treasurer an opportunity to reduce the outstanding interest bearing orders, we respectfully recommend that in future the collector of taxes be required to publish in the annual report a complete list of all delinquent tax payers, with the amount due from each.

In 1880 the legislature passed an act (sec. 2713), authorizing the treasurer to give notice that outstanding orders will be paid at a certain fixed time; after said notice the

*Less allowances for abatements.

interest ceases. There are many old orders outstanding against the town, and possibly outlawed, drawing six per cent interest; the parties holding them do not present the same for payment, therefore it is impossible to get at the exact indebtedness of outstanding orders, as in some cases they have been issued for several years, and lost sight of in making up the reports from year to year. We would recommend that the treasurer advertize for all orders outstanding issued previous to 1882, and pay the same under said act.

We also recommend a tax of fifty cents on the dollar to pay outstanding orders, current expenses and retire the bonds falling due the present year, as follows:

Bonds falling due July, 1883.....	\$10,000 00
Outstanding orders unpaid.....	25,159 11
Interest and coupons	4,290 00
Expense of collecting a 50 cent tax, estimated,	2,000 00
Current expenses, estimated at.....	20,000 00
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	\$61,449 11
Less available assets on hand.....	11,813 65
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To be provided for during the year.	\$49,635 46

The grand list as reported in 1882, \$100,324 85, which will probably be reduced for the year 1883.

E. P. GILSON, }
 GEO. R. BOTTMUM, } Auditors.

SELECTMEN'S ORDERS OUTSTANDING.

No.			
101	Feb. 28, 1874,	H. R. Dyer.....	1 60
247	Mar. 11, 1875,	School Dist. No. 7	90
347	Jan. 22, 1876,	Clerk School Dist. No. 21..	5 10
348	Feb. 1,	Sheldons & Slason.....	33 50
370	Mch. 4,	Reed & Clark.....	2 00
29	Aug. 19,	People's Gas Co... ..	54 90
60	Dec. 27,	Geo. N. Pitts.....	2 50
72	Jan. 11, 1877,	W. H. Smith.....	11 50
88	Feb. 1,	B. R. Greeno.....	30 79
99	3,	Dr. Goldsmith.....	30 00
102		W. H. Smith... ..	198 39
18	May 26,	Globe Paper Co.....	88 75
111	Feb. 2, 1878,	J. D. Brewster.....	1 50
140	16,	O. L. Robbins.....	118 80
142		W. H. Smith... ..	165 68
✓28	June 29,	Tuttle & Co.....	140 66
77	Jan. 11, 1879,	O. L. Robbins... ..	332 40
98	Feb. 15,	C. H. Granger.....	100 00
107	Feb. 16, 1880,	H. H. Dyer.....	10 00
2	Mar. 16,	Ellen Remington, Admx... ..	1,200 00
6	Apr. 17,	Samuel Hayward.....	300 00
8		W. L. Ferguson.....	30 00
9		A. R. Howard.	3 00
10		Tuttle & Co.....	54 33
15	May 22,	W. G. Fairbank.....	50 88
17	June 22,	Isabella Brown.....	15 99
18		O. L. Robbins.....	62 85
22	9,	H. Ballard.....	75 00
23	26,	H. L. Verder... ..	100 00
26		O. L. Robbins.....	53 10
52	Oct. 2,	Clayhorn & Remington.....	400 00
71	Dec. 30,	C. F. & G. Richardson.....	49 90

82	Feb.	4, 1881,	M. & H. O. Edson.....	220 28
97		11,	S. Hayward.....	23 00
98		10,	L. M. Walker.....	1 20
5	Mar.	8,	Samuel Hayward.....	300 00
8			Samuel Hayward.....	10 00
11		25,	People's Gas Light Co....	11 20
15	Apr.	6,	J. Draper, supt.....	130 00
18	May	3,	Wayne Bailey.....	30 00
19			W. G. Fairbank.....	44 03
21		9,	John Brown... ..	30 19
22		13,	John Eustace.....	200 00
24		18,	E. R. Green.....	1,300 00
72	Oct.	15,	W. M. Walcott.....	100 00
75		19,	A. H. Williams.....	62 20
76		25,	R. M. Spaulding.....	7 00
79		31,	W. M. Walcott.....	200 00
80	Nov.	1,	J. Draper, supt... ..	130 00
81			W. G. Fairbank.....	52 00
85		19,	W. M. Walcott.....	250 00
97	Dec.	24,	W. M. Walcott.....	1,000 00
101		31,	M. G. Everts.....	401 53
102	Jan.	3, 1882,	W. M. Walcott.....	988 47
103		5,	W. M. Walcott... ..	50 00
104		10,	Vt. Marble Co.....	500 00
108		30,	W. H. Lester.....	1 35
120	Feb.	14,	Herbert Freeman.....	90
137		21,	Bardwell House.. ..	2 50
142		24,	Samuel Hayward.....	25 00
3	Mar.	24,	Geo. C. Thrall.....	125 00
4			O. D. Young.....	96 00
6			A. F. Davis.....	250 00
11			Louis Martell.....	150 00
12		30,	J. & A. F. Hutchinson....	48 09
13	Apr.	6,	W. M. Walcott.....	200 00
14			John P. Bowman.....	400 00
17			W. G. Edgerton.....	40 00
18		8,	W. M. Walcott.....	300 00

19	Apr. 15, 1882,	W. M. Walcott...	225 00
20	22,	W. M. Walcott.....	225 00
21		Samuel Hayward.....	300 00
22	28,	Isabella Brown.....	125 75
23		W. M. Walcott.....	752 51
25	May 1,	W. G. Fairbank.....	50 32
29	13,	Eugene E. Thomas... ..	15 00
32		Samuel Hayward.....	37 10
33	27,	Geo. Crawford.. ..	200 00
34	June 3,	Geo. Crawford.....	250 00
36	17,	Geo. Crawford	200 00
38	19,	Edward Dana... ..	93 75
39		John S. Rowell... ..	215 00
45	24,	Tuttle & Co.....	188 83
46		Geo. Crawford.....	150 00
47	July 1,	Geo. Crawford.....	200 00
52	15,	Geo. Crawford.....	150 00
54	29,	Geo. Crawford.....	200 00
55	Aug. 5,	W. G. Fairbank	52 00
56	9,	J. J. R. Randall	208 50
57	12,	Geo. Crawford.. ..	250 00
73	Oct. 18,	Samuel Hayward	40 35
76	24,	Spaulding & Co.	13 16
80	Dec. 1,	E. C. Fish, jr.,.....	13 34
81	6,	McKerney & Hornidge	275 00
82	8,	W. M. Walcott.....	51 00
86	30,	W. H. Woodward.....	32 38
90	Jan. 6, 1883,	W. C. Landon.....	240 50
91		W. C. Landon.....	7 14
92		A. A. Deming	25 50
96		Dr. J. Draper	267 92
102	13,	W. H. Woodward	5 00
106	18,	M. A. Nash	344 00
113	Feb. 3,	Franklin Billings	5 70
116		Samuel Hayward	22 75
121	10,	Geo. N. Eayres	29 26

122	Feb. 10, 1883,	Davis & Gould	14 70
123		Prout & Walker	260 00
128	17,	M. G. Everts	486 00
129	19,	J. & A. F. Hutchinson.....	2 25
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			\$17,628 67

OVERSEER'S ORDERS OUTSTANDING.

No.		
343	E. C. Lewis.....	5 75
399	John Devine.....	8 00
170	Gilson, Clement & Woodfin.....	45 50
247	P. McManus.....	69 00
258	J. Sage.....	15 00
272	W. H. Woodward.....	308 00
289	W. C. Landon.....	136 60
281	A. Cyr.....	31 00
17	T. Clark.....	9 50
18	H. L. Gleason.....	12 57
27	P. Callaghan.....	33 60
35	Hall & Vaughn.....	46 00
9	R. R. Thrall.....	86 43
38	John Morgan.....	5 00
70	R. C. Thrall.....	232 50
138	W. H. Woodward.....	189 65
148	J. D. Hanrahan.....	25 05
158	A. White.....	2 00
1879.		
32	W. H. Woodward.....	212 05
43	A. D. Slack.....	14 50
1880.		
14	H. H. Shedd.....	12 00
23	John P. Collins.....	14 00
27	D. L. Morgan.....	12 75
30	B. H. Burt.....	19 79
35	Davis & Gould.....	18 25

42	Geo. Hayward..	129 00
53	Patrick Cain.....	27 00
74	C. B. Hilliard.....	27 66
78	J. A. Edson.....	24 00
93	D. L. Morgan.....	37 00
132	W. H. Woodward.....	166 21
1881.		
156	A. O. Cunningham.....	87 20
183	Edward McGinnis.....	26 00
5	John Gannon.....	34 00
12	Peter Stebbius.....	165 00
20	Patrick Tiffany.....	22 00
21	G. H. & H. W. Cheney.....	60 00
26	E. Pierpoint.....	11 00
27	D. L. Morgan.....	13 50
30	Geo. W. Hilliard.....	34 31
31	Bardy & Babbitt.....	12 75
32	F. W. Watkins.....	13 35
33	C. B. Hilliard.....	55 42
35	B. W. Marshall.....	36 00
36	J. A. Edson.....	42 00
37	B. & D. C. Billings.....	97 00
42	Parker & Thrall.....	187 00
43	W. H. Woodward.....	212 92
51	Dr. Gilchrist.....	15 00
99	W. F. Kelly.....	75 00
118	J. W. Cramton.....	9 75
129	J. A. Edson.....	29 00
132	B. & D. C. Billings.....	46 00
135	C. B. Hilliard.....	40 32
136	C. W. Potter.....	12 00
137	Gary & Hoag.....	31 74
139	Gould & Perry.....	29 14
143	E. Gosselin.....	12 00
144	F. Vaughn.....	92 23
146	Peter McManus.....	24 00
148	E. C. Lewis.....	28 95
150	Edward Tuliper.....	13 60

1882.

168	W. F. Kelly.....	75 00
170	J. C. Doty & Co.....	88 29
172	Geo. T. Chaffee.....	77 50
211	W. F. Kelly.....	89 00
2	J. C. Thornton.....	75 00
5	Moses Roberts.....	52 00
11	Peter Stebbins.....	372 00
17	H. C. Woodruff & Co.....	12 06
18	Stearns & Post.....	14 65
19	Geo. W. Hilliard.....	42 95
20	C. B. Hilliard.....	36 89
21	W. H. H. Fisher.....	8 05
26	Geo. H. Palmer.....	16 65
27	Boston Shoe Store.....	19 20
28	B. & D. C. Billings.....	23 75
29	Dunn & Cramton.....	13 45
30	A. O. Cunningham.....	32 80
32	Gary & Hoag.....	58 05
33	E. Gosselin.....	16 00
34	P. Cain.....	41 00
35	E. D. Keyes & Co.....	123 69
36	E. D. Keyes & Co.....	29 89
40	Peter McManus.....	48 00
41	H. H. Brown & Co.....	64 00
43	Parker & Thrall.....	136 25
44	W. H. Woodward.....	200 50
47	Geo. T. Chaffee.....	117 25
51	E. A. Pond.....	25 00
52	Alonzo Ormsby.....	10 00
54	J. D. Hanrahan.....	35 00
55	C. H. Campbell.....	36 00
56	W. F. Kelly.....	106 25
59	H. C. Woodruff & Co.....	28 96
60	Patrick Cain.....	35 00
61	Doty & Kenney.....	35 58
63	Gary & Hoag.....	79 16

70	Barker & Thrall.....	120 94
71	W. H. Woodward.....	195 82
73	J. B. Kilburn.....	6 33
74	Peter McManus.....	51 00
75	F. Chaffee.....	80 00
77	E. D. Keyes & Co.....	94 19
79	Geo. W. Hilliard.....	24 82
81	C. B. Hilliard.....	21 00
82	B. & D. C. Billings.....	30 00
84	A. D. Slack.....	26 50
91	John Engrem.....	7 00
97	Patrick Colligan.....	26 20
105	John Grandy.....	40 00
107	B. & D. C. Billings.....	30 00
111	Boston Shoe Store.....	15 55
114	A. O. Cunningham.....	24 00
117	E. Gosselin.....	10 00
118	P. Cain.....	43 00
122	A. W. Higgins.....	7 25
125	Thomas Walsh.....	45 00
129	W. H. Woodward.....	185 37
130	W. F. Kelly.....	100 00
131	J. A. Edson.....	20 08
132	A. C. Bates & Son.....	11 70
138	Hulett & Dawley.....	22 94
140	Isaac Gibson.....	82 00
141	W. E. Woods.....	13 00
1883.		
143	C. F. Willis.....	60 50
159	Rutland Boot and Shoe Co.....	9 00
164	W. C. Landon.....	22 30
175	Doty & Kenney.....	140 20
176	W. F. Kelly.....	102 00
180	P. Colligan.....	9 63
183	M. Newton.....	24 68
188	J. L. Billings.....	10 00

\$7,530 44

HIGHWAY FUND.

ORDERS OUTSTANDING.

No.	1882.			
43	Feb.	21,	J. C. Doty.....	\$50 00
46			J. H. Blake.....	100 00
48			R. C. Thrall.....	150 00
50			E. L. Griswold.....	100 00
56			F. S. Hale.....	100 00
66			Woodward & Mead.....	225 00
3	June	22,	John O'Rourke.....	300 00
5	July	6,	F. S. Hale.....	134 62
20	Oct.	21,	F. S. Hale.....	205 00
21		26,	H. B. Woodbury.....	350 64
22		30,	R. C. Thrall.....	125 00
23	Nov.	2,	John Moran.....	25 00
24		4,	J. B. Noble.....	200 00
25		6,	B. F. Dunklee.....	356 75
26			Caleb Buffum.....	125 00
27		13,	A. J. Newton.....	200 00
31		29,	Alfred Perkins.....	86 00
35	Dec.	4,	John Howard.....	45 00
36		5,	Samuel Boardman.....	33 50
39		20,	O. D. Young.....	19 75
41		30,	Edgar Davis.....	30 00
1883.				
42	Jan.	2,	F. S. Hale.....	18 44
43			E. L. Griswold.....	97 66
45		9,	A. F. Davis.....	145 23
46			W. C. Landon.....	5 50
49		15,	A. S. Cramton.....	361 83
50		18,	George C. Thrall.....	238 70
53	Feb.	3,	F. Chaffee & Son.....	323 94
54			M. & H. O. Edson.....	54 77
55			Caleb Buffum.....	6 85
57			C. C. Dunn.....	127 33

 \$4,341 51

STATEMENT OF CRIMINAL CASES

Prosecuted before L. Valiquette, jr., a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County of Rutland, for the year ending November 30, 1882, in which the town of Rutland is interested.

DATE.	NAME.	OFFENSE.	FINE.	COSTS.	FINAL DISPOSITION.
1881.					
Dec. 10	Daniel Connor.....	Assault.....		\$4 60	Discharged.
	Mrs. Owen Carlon.....	Breach of Peace.....	\$1 00	6 28	Paid to Town Treasurer.
1882.					
June 21	William Daniels.....	Assault.....		6 46	Discharged.
July 7	John Conlin.....	Assault.....		4 60	Paid to Town Treasurer.
July 20	George McGinness.....	Breach of Peace.....	3 00	4 27	Paid to Town Treasurer.
July 24	Michael Fagan.....	Breach of Peace.....		4 60	Discharged.
July 24	John Griffin.....	Breach of Peace.....		7 50	Discharged.
July 29	Margaret Doherty.....	Breach of Peace.....		11 95	Bonds to keep Peace.
July 29	Mary Abrahams.....	Breach of Peace.....		7 99	Bonds to keep Peace.
August 15	Hubert Downs.....	Breach of Peace.....		4 60	Bonds to keep Peace.

I certify that the foregoing is a true statement of all cases tried by me from November 30, 1881, to date, with judgment and the amount of fines and costs, and the disposition of each case in which the town of Rutland is interested.

L. VALIQUETTE, JR., Justice of the Peace.

Rutland, Vt., December 1, 1882.

STATEMENT OF CRIMINAL CASES

Prosecuted before Wayne Bailey, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County of Rutland, for the year ending November 30, 1882, in which the town of Rutland is interested.

DATE.	NAME.	OFFENSE.	FINE.	COSTS.	FINAL DISPOSITION.
1881.					
Dec.	7 John Skiddie.....	Petit Larceny.....		\$9 16	Discharged.
1882.					
Jan.	23 William F. Hinckley.....	Breach of Peace.....		7 09	Discharged.
Feb.	10 Neil Rollins.....	Breach of Peace.....		5 72	Discharged.
Feb.	17 Andrew Morgan.....	Breach of Peace.....		4 16	Nolle pros. by Grand Juror.
May	2 James Melden.....	Breach of Peace.....		5 72	Nolle pros. by Grand Juror.
May	9 Owen Gilhoolley.....	Breach of Peace.....		5 60	Bound up to keep the peace.
May	9 Bridget Gilhoolley.....	Breach of Peace.....		5 60	Bound up to keep the peace.
May	22 Peter Hackett.....	Fast Driving.....	\$1 00	4 10	Fine and costs paid Treas.
June	2 Norah Shannon.....	Breach of Peace.....	5 00	6 13	Fine and costs paid Treas.
June	2 Rachel Guard.....	Breach of Peace.....		4 60	Bound up to keep the peace.
June	2 Alice Griffin.....	Breach of Peace.....		4 60	Bound up to keep the peace.
June	24 Bryan McDonnough.....	Breach of Peace.....	01	4 60	Fine and costs paid Treas.
June	24 Ann McDonnough.....	Breach of Peace.....		4 60	Bound up to keep the peace.
July	24 William F. Mahony.....	Breach of Peace.....	1 00	5 86	Fine and costs paid Treas.
July	24 Henry Roberts.....	Breach of Peace.....	1 00	5 86	Fine and costs paid Treas.
July	25 Patrick Traverse.....	Breach of Peace.....	5 00	12 51	Fine and costs paid Treas.
August	2 Emma Sherman.....	Breach of Peace.....	1 00	6 28	Fine and costs paid Treas.
August	12 Henry Johnson.....	Breach of Peace.....	1 00	4 10	Fine and costs paid Treas.
Sept.	12 Mary Wallet.....	Breach of Peace.....		4 76	Nolle pros. by Grand Juror.
Oct.	9 Dan Dougherty.....	Breach of Peace.....	15 00	6 76	Fine and costs paid Treas.

Oct.	9	James Marhar.....	Breach of Peace.....	5 00	6 76	Appealed to County Court.
Oct.	9	Edward Murphy.....	Breach of Peace.....	1 00	4 40	Fine and costs paid Treas.
Oct.	18	Edward Gary.....	Petit Larceny.....		6 00	Nolle pros. by State's Att'y.
Nov.	18	Margaret Fagan.....	Breach of Peace.....	5 00	4 90	Fine and costs paid Treas.
Nov.	18	Bridget Griffin.....	Breach of Peace.....	2 00	4 90	Fine and costs paid Treas.
Nov.	18	Norah Shannon.....	Breach of Peace.....	10 00	10 14	Fine and costs paid Treas.

I certify that the foregoing is a true statement of all cases tried by me from November 30, 1881, to date, with judgment and the amount of fines and costs, and the disposition of each case in which the town of Rutland is interested.

WAYNE BAILEY, Justice of the Peace.

Rutland, Vt., December 1, 1882.

STATEMENT OF CRIMINAL CASES

Prosecuted before A. J. Moad, a Justice of the Peace, within and for the County of Rutland, for the year ending November 30, 1882, in which the town of Rutland is interested.

DATE.	NAME.	OFFENSE.	FINE.	COSTS.	FINAL DISPOSITION.
1882.					
March 29	Patrick McCue.....	Breach of Peace.....	\$10 00	\$6 98	Nolle pros. by Grand Juror.
May 16	Thomas Mumford.....	Breach of Peace.....	5 00	4 36	
June 12	William Miller.....	Breach of Peace.....	1 00	7 54	
April 14	Timothy Crowley.....	Breach of Peace.....	5 00	7 42	
June 12	Owen O'Brine.....	Breach of Peace.....	5 06	
July 28	Patrick Brown.....	Boarding railroad train.....	1 00	6 22	
Feb. 11	Joseph Cleveland.....	Breach of Peace.....	5 00	8 88	
July 28	Daniel Manney.....	Boarding railroad train.....	1 00	6 22	
August 17	John Walsh.....	Breach of Peace.....	3 00	9 08	
July 12	Frederick White.....	Breach of Peace.....	3 00	6 10	
July 26	Mrs. George O'Brien.....	Breach of Peace.....	5 00	9 70	Not guilty.
August 12	Lewis Abar.....	Breach of Peace.....	5 00	5 72	
April 21	Bryan Maloney.....	Breach of Peace.....	5 00	4 60	
July 28	John McLaughlin.....	Boarding railroad train.....	1 00	6 56	
August 11	James Battles.....	Breach of Peace.....	2 00	7 18	
March 30	Charles J. Cleveland.....	Breach of Peace.....	5 00	4 26	
April 14	Timothy Crowley.....	Breach of Peace.....	8 54	
Oct. 27	Thomas Tree.....	Breach of Peace.....	5 00	8 56	

August	17	John Welch, 2d.....	Breach of Peace.....	1 00	5 70	
July	20	Bartley Sheridan.....	Breach of Peace.....	3 00	7 98	
May	31	John Quin.....	Assault.....	1 00	5 16	
May	31	Ann Quin.....	Assault.....	1 00	5 16	
Feb.	13	L. Fish.....	Assault.....	10 00	8 22	
May	16	Thomas Mumford.....	Assault.....	5 00	8 20	
April	3	William Livingston.....	Assault.....	5 00	5 44	
June	27	Charles Mumford.....	Breach of Peace.....	1 00	12 15	Appealed to County Court.
August	17	Getty Llayhean.....	Breach of Peace.....		15 40	Trial by jury. Not guilty.
August	11	Timothy Crowley.....	Breach of Peace.....		4 26	Nolle pros. by Grand Juror.
August	11	M. Quin.....	Breach of Peace.....		4 36	Nolle pros. by Grand Juror.
Sept.	2	John Gillilan.....	Breach of Peace.....		8 84	Not guilty.
August	11	Patrick Crowley.....	Breach of Peace.....	2 00	6 76	
April	21	Austin Maloney.....	Breach of Peace.....	5 00	4 60	
Feb.	11	Patrick O'Connell.....	Assault.....	10 00	8 76	
August	9	Frank Gallery.....	Breach of Peace.....	5 00	5 72	
August	11	William Gaffany, jr.....	Breaking windows.....		4 36	Nolle pros. by Grand Juror.
June	12	Patrick McGany.....	Breach of Peace.....	1 00	4 36	
July	26	Dennis Kelley.....	Breach of Peace.....	2 00	4 70	
Nov.	1	Henry Brewster.....	Breach of Peace.....		6 34	Not Guilty.

I certify that the foregoing is a true statement of all cases tried by me from January 3, 1882, to December 1, 1882, with judgment and amount of fines and costs, and the disposition of each case in which the town of Rutland is interested.

A. J. MEAD, Justice of the Peace.

Rutland, Vt., January 4, 1883.

STATEMENT OF CRIMINAL CASES

Prosecuted before Newman Weeks, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County of Rutland, for the year ending December 1, 1882, in which the town of Rutland is interested.

DATE.	NAME.	OFFENSE.	FINE.	COSTS.	FINAL DISPOSITION.
1882.					
Oct. 14	A. LeFevre.....	Petit Larceny.....	\$5 00	\$4 60	Collected in December, 1882.
Oct. 14	Fred LeFevre.....	Petit Larceny.....	5 00	4 60	Collected in December, 1882.
Oct. 14	Wm. Hance.....	Petit Larceny.....	1 00	4 60	Collected in December, 1882.
Oct. 14	J. McDonough.....	Petit Larceny.....	2 00	4 60	Collected in December, 1882.
Oct. 14	Tim Reardon.....	Petit Larceny.....	1 00	4 60	Collected in December, 1882.
Nov. 4	J. A. Waterhouse.....	Breach of the Peace.....		7 24	Respondent absconded.
Nov. 8	Warren Woodward.....	Breach of the Peace.....		4 70	Bonds to keep the peace.
Nov. 15	Ellen C. Ware.....	Breach of the Peace.....		4 60	Bonds to keep the peace.
Nov. 22	Byron Bingham.....	Breach of the Peace.....	5 00	2 69	Paid November 22, 1882.
Dec. 1	Bridget Corlin.....	Breach of the Peace.....	5 00	7 41	Appealed to County Court.

I certify that the foregoing is a true statement of all cases tried before me from December 1, 1881, to December 1, 1882, inclusive, with judgment and the amount of fines and costs, and the disposition of each case in which the town of Rutland is interested.

NEWMAN WEEKS, Justice of the Peace.

Rutland, Vt., December 1, 1882.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

In submitting my annual report concerning the public schools, I feel justified in saying that their work during the past year has been more satisfactory than in any previous year of my official connection with them.

Better teachers, as a rule, have been employed, and in most cases they have received better compensation for their work.

The prudential committees of the several districts seem to have given the schools more attention than heretofore, and to have exercised commendable discretion in the selection of teachers, and the general management of their respective schools.

The school buildings, with a few exceptions, are in good condition. In fact, I doubt if another town in the state can show so good buildings, generally, as Rutland has. These improvements in buildings have all been made within a few years past, which indicates a movement in public sentiment in the right direction. The buildings which are inadequate to the wants of the districts are in districts one, three, seven and fourteen.

District No. 1, needs another school room, and the school should then be divided into three grades. The primary department in this building is very much crowded, the seats and desks are poor, and the temporary seats which have been fitted up are anything but suitable.

Too many pupils are crowded into the present school room. The building needs additional and better blackboards, and should be supplied with outline wall maps. It is poor policy to withhold a few dollars for furnishing these important helps to children. And this remark applies to many other districts.

District No. 3 should have another school room, and divide the school into two grades. Additional blackboards, maps and similar equipments are needed for this district.

District No. 7 should make very extensive repairs on its building, and also add two rooms and three teachers, at least. In this school there are four hundred and fourteen pupils in attendance, under the general management of Prof. Leonard, assisted by four other teachers. It will be seen that if the pupils were equally divided among the five teachers, each teacher would have eighty-three.

During some years there have been over a hundred pupils under one teacher in this school. It needs no argument to show that a remedy is needed here. No teacher should have at the utmost, more than fifty pupils, and it would be better to limit the number to forty. This school, therefore, should have at least eight teachers. The building is in a wretched condition from bottom to top, and it is scarcely fair toward the teachers and pupils of this school that this state of things should go on.

District No. 14, needs more school room. Here are one hundred and sixty children packed into two rooms, under two teachers. This building should be overhauled and enlarged at the earliest opportunity, and two rooms added. There are pupils enough in this district for four rooms and four teachers, and the number is on the increase. There is nothing right about this building, and it is unwise to spend money on a school conditioned as this is. No better material for scholars or scholarship can be found in the town than this district affords, but it can scarcely be said that the children here have a fair chance under the present circumstances.

As already stated our school buildings, with the exception of the four above referred to, are in excellent condition. Many of them need more blackboard space, outline maps and other similar equipments, and I doubt not they will be supplied in due course.

This marked improvement in our school buildings is of recent date, and I regard it as a guage of public sentiment, to a great extent, on the subject of our common schools. And I am glad to bear witness that this sentiment is not confined to Rutland wholly. Several other towns in this county are waking up on this subject, and here and there a new or a greatly improved school house may be seen by the way side. People are beginning to see that the theory that "the school houses are as good now as when we attended school" is illogical.

Quite likely "we" (whoever we may be) lived in a log house at the time, or in one no better than the school house.

I can see no reason why improvement in school houses, and in the other means of acquiring an education should not keep pace with the improvements in other departments of life; why, for example, we should insist on comfortable houses to live in and deny them to our children while in school; or why the simplicity of our forefathers in the matter of their houses for religious worship, which seems to have yielded to the requirements of modern times in the construction of church edifices, should not in like manner give way in the construction of our school houses.

I should be glad to close this report here, but one other topic claims notice.

The great obstacle to satisfactory results in our schools is non-attendance or irregular attendance.

The Rutland schools have done rather better than the average of schools in the state in this respect, but there is much room for improvement.

We seem scarcely to realize the enormous waste incurred by non-attendance; for it should be borne in mind that it costs almost as much to maintain schools for a part of the children as for all of them. Consequently when schools are maintained for children who do not attend them, there is a loss; and this is the case to a much greater extent than is generally known.

In the absence of school statisticts (which our state, alone, is too poor to maintain) I can give only approximate figures, but they are sufficiently accurate for my present purpose.

The subject can be most simply illustrated by taking the state at large.

For the year 1881-2, we find the following facts:

Number of school children.....	94,000
“ “ “ “ enrolled.....	73,068
“ “ “ “ not enrolled, that is, not known in the schools.....	20,932
Of the 73,068 enrolled, only 47,772 attended school, that is, the average daily attendance was.....	47,772
Average daily absence.....	25,296

It will be seen from these figures that **only** about one-half of the school children in the state **attended** school. In other words, the total attendance **was only** about one-half of what it would have been had **all attended** regularly.

Perhaps we can discern in these figures the reason why Vermont occupies the unenviable position in the list of the states and territories that she **does with** respect to the percentage of her people who **can not read**—the twentieth—and why she has to admit that **nearly five persons** in every hundred have not that ability.

There is still another consideration **which is likely** to be quite as potent with Vermonters as the above.

The cost per day's attendance for the **year** referred to was seven cents and nine mills.

Now if we should allow for necessary **absence** ten per cent of the whole attendance, and add to that the legal holidays, and then assume that all the children who were enrolled **attended** regularly, save as above **allowed**, the cost per day's attendance would have been **five cents** and seven mills.

Allowing as above and assuming that **all** the school children in the state had attended, the cost per day's attendance would have been four cents and eight mills, or **forty-eight seventy-ninths** of what it actually was.

The result was that one hundred and eighty-six thousand dollars were expended in that year in maintaining schools that were not attended.

Of course, if all had attended the total cost would have been somewhat increased, but only in a small ratio to the increased attendance; and I am of the opinion that one hundred and fifty thousand dollars were squandered.

As already stated, Rutland did a little better than the average of the towns in the state, and consequently her share of this needless waste was only six thousand three hundred dollars.

Rutland's total attendance was 247,502 days. It ought to have been 312,000 days.

If it be asked how this evil can be remedied, I answer, send the children to school. Let every man and woman make it a part of his or her business to see to it that so long as schools are provided they be attended.

Let them help rather than hinder the school officers in keeping the attendance full and regular.

Let those citizens of our community who have no children to be educated, but who contribute largely to the support of schools for the benefit of others and for the public good, inquire if those for whom they contribute avail themselves of the opportunities thus afforded.

Let the school laws on the subject of compulsory attendance be enforced and our streets be cleared of the boys and girls who are growing up in ignorance, if not in worse than ignorance.

It is idle to expect a reformation in these matters without putting forth an effort. And this effort should begin in the homes of the children. Parents should understand that the practice of keeping their children out of school, or allowing them to absent themselves, is at the bottom of the whole trouble.

And yet while I have been writing this, fifty requests have probably been written in this village that I would excuse pupils from attending to-morrow or for having been absent to-day.

Absentism seems to be a family trait.

I have visited several schools within a week having an enrollment of from fifteen to thirty-five scholars, each, but with an actual attendance of less than a dozen.

There seems to prevail a popular fallacy that every parent and guardian has a right to say whether his child or ward shall attend school or not.

Many people, at least, seem to think it is their privilege to send their children to school, or upon the streets, as they may choose. These people are respectfully referred to the laws of the state on this subject.

It is the privilege and the duty of every citizen who may find children out of school during school hours to inquire into the reason for it, and to take measures to place them in school.

The health of the children in school has been, on the whole, good, and the number of deaths during the year notably small, in comparison with the number in attendance; notwithstanding the hue and cry in certain quarters that we are "killing the pupils with overwork."

Perhaps I ought to say that the number of children in our schools is not large who are in danger of injuring themselves by mental application; and hence there is no occasion for alarm on that point.

No attempt has been made and no desire entertained by teachers or school officers to overtax the pupils.

So far as the superintendent has had anything to do with the subject, he has simply aimed to keep them up to their work, to have them attend regularly and do the best they could. He has not disguised the fact, however, that he thinks the acquiring of an education involves toil; that attending school implies business, not recreation; that the school room is a workshop, not a playhouse.

He has never confessed to them any faith in the doctrine which seems to have become quite popular at the present day among labor saving people, that by certain hocus pocus in the shape of new methods of study and of teaching, the

path of the student can be made continuously smooth and easy, requiring scarcely any effort on his part to pursue it.

This has been purposely avoided, as being the special province of makers of text books, and of educational conventions.

This is not the place, perhaps, to discuss the subject of the cost of text books, as it seems to me that it is a subject for the state and not the town to deal with. Nevertheless, a word may not be amiss.

During the last session of the legislature, I had the privilege of stating my opinion on this subject to a senate committee.

I estimated that the amount we pay needlessly each year is from fifty to seventy-five thousand dollars, or, in round numbers, a million in twenty years.

No statistics, as usual, of the cost of school books in this state, were to be had, but by consulting statistics of other states, it appeared that my estimate was too low rather than too high.

Now, when it is remembered that this large sum is paid, in a great measure, by people who can ill afford to pay it, and especially considering that nearly every dollar for books goes out of the state, it seems to me that some measures should be adopted, first, to reduce the cost to a minimum, and secondly to apply whatever money may be necessary for these books to home industry.

In a former report I expressed the opinion that we pay twice what we ought for school books; and investigations since then have confirmed that opinion.

I think in this town alone, from fifteen hundred to two thousand dollars might be saved on this item. It seems to me that the efforts for economy in this state with regard to our schools are entirely misdirected; that haggling over the question as to whether town superintendents shall be paid one dollar and a half or two dollars, or whether proper statistics, such as are kept by other states, shall be maintained or not, while half of our children are unknown to the schools and the other half are being fleeced by foreign book

sellers is very much like closing the barrel at the spigot and opening it at the bung.

Below is a list of the schools, the number of pupils in each, and the names of the teachers.

District No. 1, 119 pupils, Misses Atkinson and Blanchard, teachers.

“ “ 2, 27 pupils, Miss Landon, teacher.

“ “ 3, 83 pupils, Miss Holden, “

“ “ 4, 16 pupils, Miss Scofield, “

“ “ 5, 21 pupils, Miss Bruns, “

“ “ 6, 40 pupils, Miss Brennan, “

“ “ 7, 414 pupils, Prof. Leonard and four assistants, teachers.

“ “ 8, 28 pupils, Miss Hynes, teacher.

“ “ 9, 29 pupils, Miss Griswold, “

“ “ 10, 50 pupils, Miss Brown, “

“ “ 11, 126 pupils, Misses Meldon and Darley, teachers.

“ “ 12, 5 pupils, Miss Kelley “

“ “ 13, 15 pupils, Miss Reynolds, “

“ “ 14, 160 pupils, Mrs. Peabody and Miss Maloney, teachers.

“ “ 15, 27 pupils, Miss Learned, teacher.

“ “ 16, 21 pupils, Mrs. Booth, “

“ Central, 64 pupils, Miss Clifford “

“ “ 21, 245 pupils, Prof. Dana and three assistants, teachers.

“ Graded, 1070 pupils, Prof. Atwood and twenty assistants, teachers.

Total number of pupils.....2,539

“ “ of teachers..... 48

Average number of pupils to each teacher 53

In addition to the above, there are about 500 pupils in private and parochial schools.

J. J. R RANDALL,

Town Superintendent.

NOTICE.

The legal voters in town meeting of the town of Rutland are hereby warned to meet at the town hall, in the village of Rutland, at 9 o'clock A. M., on Tuesday, the sixth day of March, A. D. 1883, to act upon the following matters, to wit:

1. To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.
2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
3. To see if the town will vote to raise money, by tax or otherwise, to pay current expenses and the indebtedness of the town.
4. To vote for county commissioner.
5. To see if the town will vote that the highway tax be collected in money, at 25 per cent discount.
6. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of act number ninety of the laws of 1880, and the amendments thereto, relating to the collection of taxes.
7. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to build an iron bridge on River street, over the railroad tracks, or to join with the railroad companies in building such bridge.
8. To see if the town will set the farms of B. F. Dunklee, James Fisk, Benj. Capron, Frank Brown and Mrs. Ladd from school district No. 3 to school district No. 16.
9. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to erect a memorial hall, memorial building, or other proper monument to the memory of the soldier citizens of the town who died in the service of the country during the war for the suppression of the rebellion in the southern states, and appropriate sufficient money for that purpose, and take any steps proper or necessary for so doing.
10. To see if the town will divide school district No. 3, setting all that portion of the district except the farms of Frank Brown, Mrs. Ladd, Benjamin Capron, James Fisk and B. F. Dunklee to the Rutland graded school district, and the remainder to district No. 16.
11. To see if the town will exempt the polls of firemen from taxation.
12. To see if the town will vote any compensation to the town officers.
13. To transact any other business that may be legal at this meeting.

M. G. EVERTS, J. C. DUNN, W. H. WOODWARD, S. W. MEAD, J. A. CHENEY,	}	Selectmen.
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